

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Catholic Community Resources****Project Title:**

# Catholic Community Resources - Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption

**State Funding Requested: \$ 300,000****House District: 7 - D**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption  
One time mitigation grant

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$300,000**Funding SecuredOther Pending RequestsAnticipated Future Need*Amount FY**Amount FY**Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption relies on funding through the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. Due to the recent bankruptcy filing by the CDF, Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption will lose this source of funding, the loss of this funding would destabilize the organization and jeopardize the ability to serve clients, as well as clients referred through grants from the State of Alaska, Office of Children's Services.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



## Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption

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February 26, 2008

Dear Senator Thomas,

**Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption (FCA)** is facing a crisis that could ultimately **force us to close our doors**. That closure would impact our clients; not only children, but also parents hoping to take foster children into their homes and families hoping to adopt children. The impact on our community would be immense. **We are asking for your assistance.**

Recently, the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks, announced that it will file for bankruptcy protection under Chapter Eleven of the U.S Bankruptcy Code. At Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption we're worried about the impact this will have on our clients, our community, and our organization.

**The Diocese's litigation has already resulted in a loss of \$25,000 in funding this year and we have been informed that our funding will be reduced by \$12,500 more as of this July.** Depending on court decisions, **FCA could lose our entire financial support from the Diocese, which amounts to \$150,000 a year.**

A loss of this amount of funding would **destabilize our organization and jeopardize our ability to serve our clients**, as well as clients referred through grants from the State of Alaska, Office of Children's Services.

**FCA needs a source of income that will allow us time to deal with this significant loss of funding.** We are **requesting a one time grant** in the amount of **\$300,000** to provide us time to identify other sources of funding to support the services we provide, as well as to make plans for implementing drastic changes in our organization if we are not successful in finding new dollars.

FCA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, which is incorporated under the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. FCA is a professional family service agency committed to strengthening families, promoting healthy parenting and advocating for children. We help **individuals and families heal from trauma and improve their lives and well-being.** FCA provides a full range of services to children, adolescents, families and individuals. Our clients are from diverse economic backgrounds with the majority of our services being partially or fully subsidized.



A United Way Member Agency

FCA provides services for **Medicaid eligible clients**, as well.

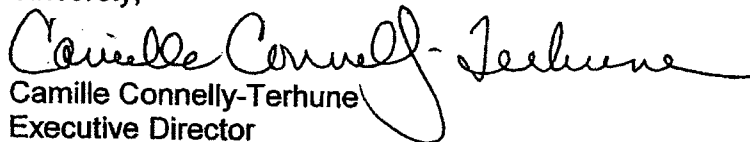
The programs and services provided by FCA serve community members **struggling to deal with the effects of alcohol and /or drug abuse, family violence, child abuse and/or neglect and sexual abuse**, and serious emotional and mental health issues. **These issues are addressed through both prevention and intervention services.**

**We provide pregnancy counseling, parenting skills and education about preventing child mistreatment and harm. We also offer adoption services and perform home studies for children in state's custody who are in need of a permanent, safe and loving home.** FCS provides street outreach services and basic survival necessities to at-risk youth. **We help those who have been victimized to overcome their trauma**, while working to prevent future children and individuals from being victimized. **Our prevention programs raise awareness of the causes, symptoms, and effects of violence and abuse and we also work hard to give our clients the skills they need to change negative behavior patterns.**

FCA operates on a bare bones budget. Most services are paid for after the service is provided. This year we are faced with the cost of replacing a failing server network as well as the loss of over \$100,000 in funding for our street outreach program for runaway and homeless youth. We are in the process of developing contingency plans to allow us to continue our work, but we simply have no funds to spare. The sudden loss of the funding from the Catholic Diocese could put FCA at risk of not being able to meet payroll and expenses and force us to close our doors.

Please feel free to contact me with any more details.

Sincerely,

  
Camille Connelly-Terhune  
Executive Director